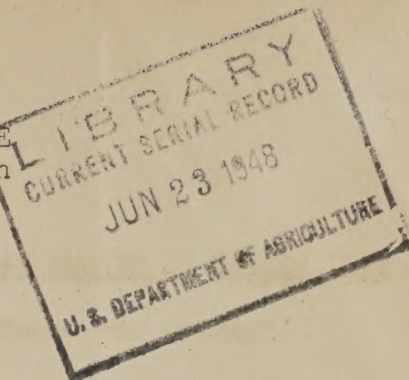


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Production and Marketing Administration



1947 FLAXSEED GOAL AND PRICE SUPPORT

F A C T   S H E E T

U. S. Flaxseed growers are guaranteed a price of \$6 per bushel, Minneapolis basis, on their 1947 crop, an increase of \$2 a bushel above the \$4 government support price of last year.

The \$6 guarantee to farmers is the highest in the history of price support of flaxseed. The support is based on U. S. No. 1 flaxseed, Minneapolis.

The net support to a farmer will depend upon freight and other handling charges to the base market.

MUST GROW 2 ACRES WHERE 1 GREW IN '46

The 1947 goal for flaxseed has been set at 5 million acres, or almost twice last year's planted acreage of 2.63 million acres. Farmers will need to grow about two acres of flax for each one grown last year to meet the goal and the nation's needs.

Flaxseed production called for this year is approximately twice the amount produced before the war. Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Kansas, and Iowa will have to plant increased acreages if the goal is to be met.

1947 FLAXSEED GOALS WITH COMPARISONS

	1946				1946		
	1947 Goals	Planted (Dec.C.Rep.) (T h o u s a n d s)	Percentage Increase		1947 Goals	Planted (Dec.C.Rep.) (T h o u s a n d s)	Percentage Increase
Ill.	3	1	200	Tex.	120	84	43
Mich.	7	7	0	N.D.	2050	866	137
Wis.	10	6	66	Kan.	175	120	46
Minn.	1500	932	61	Mont.	214	79	171
Iowa	150	35	329	Wyo.	2	1	100
Mo.	10	6	66	Ariz.	25	14	79
S. D.	550	378	46	Wash.	1	—	—
Neb.	2	1	100	Ore.	1	—	—
Okla.	20	3	560	Cal.	160	106	51
Total				5000			

#### FLAX NEEDED TO OFFSET FATS, OILS SHORTAGE

Farmers are urged to grow more flaxseed in 1947 because of a continuing world shortage of fats and oils in the face of high American demand for linseed oil. Prospects for imports are very uncertain.

Linseed oil, crushed from flaxseed, is important to successful reconversion of industry and comfortable peacetime living. Requirements for drying oils in 1947-48 will be as large as during war years. Linseed oil is our major drying oil. Wartime demands pushed requirements far above prewar levels, but there is still a huge backlog of peacetime demand. The housing program, business building and thousands of manufactured articles require linseed oil.

#### NEW VARIETIES, INSURANCE HELP ASSURE RETURNS

Flax is a dependable crop. Some new varieties are rust-immune and wilt-resistant. The new varieties also increase yields.

Federal Crop Insurance may be secured by farmers at reasonable rates to protect their investments in flax crops. Information on Federal Crop Insurance protection -- which covers all unavoidable hazards from planting until harvest -- can be obtained from local crop insurance agents and County Agricultural Conservation (AAA) offices.

#### GOOD PRODUCTION PRACTICES TO INSURE A LARGE FLAX CROP

The following production practices should be altered to fit local conditions. They can be used as a basis for uniform recommendations by county agricultural agents, county and community committeemen, and others.

1. Get seed supply early.
2. The seed should be one of the eight (8) rust-immune varieties if possible; if not, of the two rust-resistant varieties:

<u>Rust-immune</u>		<u>Rust-resistant</u>
Arrow	Victory	Buda
Crystal	Cheyenne	Koto
Dakota	Renew	
Royal	N.Dak.B-5128	

3. Seeding rate per acre should be determined by size of seed - more of the large varieties and less of the small.
4. Select good flax land - if possible, land in a clean, cultivated crop in 1946.
5. Cultivate to kill weeds before planting, if possible.
6. make firm, compact seed bed in order to seed shallow.
7. Spray flax fields with sinox for mustard and other leafy weeds.
8. In Iowa, southern Minnesota, and eastern South Dakota, treat seed before planting - 1 1/2 oz. per bushel of New Improved Ceresan.
9. Seed early - April 1, in Kansas; April 20-25 in Iowa, northern Nebraska, southern Minnesota, and southern South Dakota; May 1 in central Minnesota, central South Dakota, and southern North Dakota; May 1-10 in northern-central Minnesota, Montana, and North Dakota; May 10-25 in extreme northern Minnesota and North Dakota.
10. Flax is well adapted to seeding as a nurse crop for both grasses and legumes.

Special attention should be given to reminding flaxseed growers that flax should only be planted on land adapted to the crop. The right kind of land is a major factor in successful flax production.

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